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IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES AND ACTION
IN THE CRITICAL AREAS OF CONCERN

Dominican Republic, Ecuador*, Indonesia, Mexico, Morocco, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines and Sri Lanka: draft resolution

Women migrant workers

The Commission on the Status of Women,

Recalling all resolutions relevant to women migrant workers adopted by the General Assembly, in particular resolution 52/97 of 12 December 1997, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, as well as the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women,[1]

Also recalling the outcome of major world conferences, specifically those pertaining to women migrant workers,

Emphasizing the need for comprehensive, broad-based information and a wide exchange of experiences and lessons learned by Member States and civil society in the formulation of policies and strategies to address the problem of violence against women migrant workers,

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* In accordance with rule 69 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

[1] General Assembly resolution 48/104 of 20 December 1993.

Recognizing the importance of continued cooperation at the bilateral, regional and international levels in protecting and promoting the rights and welfare of women migrant workers,

1. Takes note of the Secretary-General's report on the thematic issues before the Commission on the Status of Women;[2]

2. Requests concerned Governments to include in their national action plans information on the problems of women migrant workers which could form part of a database for the formulation of appropriate measures to address the problem of violence against women migrant workers;

3. Encourages Governments to avail themselves of the expertise of the United Nations, including the Statistics Division of the United Nations Secretariat and other relevant bodies such as the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, to develop appropriate data collection methodologies that will generate comparable data on violence against women migrant workers as bases for research and analyses on the subject;

4. Invites Governments, in cooperation with relevant United Nations bodies and non-governmental organizations to undertake further research on the causes and consequences of violence against women migrant workers;

5. Requests concerned States Parties to include in their periodic reports to relevant human rights treaty bodies updated and comprehensive information on actions they have taken to address the problem of violence against women migrant workers;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to establish a database of good practices and lessons learned relating to gender-based violence, in cooperation with relevant entities in the United Nations system, and in that regard, invites Member States and non-governmental organizations to provide information on bilateral and multilateral agreements, national experiences and lessons learned, initiatives and projects which have proved viable and effective as bases for evolving model strategies for dealing with violence against women migrant workers;

7. Calls upon concerned Governments to put in place penal and criminal sanctions to punish perpetrators of violence against women migrant workers and to provide survivors with the full range of immediate assistance, such as counselling, legal and consular assistance, temporary shelters and other measures that will allow them to be present during the judicial process;

8. Encourages Member States to ratify and comply with International Labour Organization conventions and to sign and ratify or accede to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;[3]

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[2] E/CN.6/1998/5.

[3] General Assembly resolution 52/115.

9. Invites Member States to implement, as appropriate, the Model Strategies and Practical Measures on the Elimination of Violence Against Women in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice;[4]

10. Invites the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women to develop a general recommendation on women and migration;

11. Requests the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Development Fund for Women and other relevant agencies of the United Nations system, within the context of the country cooperation and development assistance framework, to support national measures designed to strengthen preventive action, in particular, education and information campaigns to increase awareness of the issue of violence against women migrant workers;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to take into account the relevant provisions contained in the present resolution in preparing the study requested in paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 52/97.

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[4] General Assembly resolution 52/86, annex.